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**Sent:** 3/19/2019 9:17:34 PM  
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**Subject:** HEADS UP - NO ORD ACTION - FW: AP query regarding PFAS contamination of food supply

HEADS UP – no action

Just wanted you to see that we're starting to get media inquiries on ag related PFAS issues.

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**From:** Konkus, John  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 19, 2019 4:50 PM  
**To:** Drinkard, Andrea <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov>; Press <Press@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Kramer, Jessica L. <kramer.jessical@epa.gov>; Wadlington, Christina <Wadlington.Christina@epa.gov>; Mattas-Curry, Lahne <Mattas-Curry.Lahne@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: AP query regarding PFAS contamination of food supply

Good. Thanks.

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**From:** Drinkard, Andrea  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 19, 2019 4:44 PM  
**To:** Konkus, John <[konkus.john@epa.gov](mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov)>; Press <Press@epa.gov>  
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**From:** Konkus, John  
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**To:** Drinkard, Andrea <[Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov](mailto:Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov)>; Press <[Press@epa.gov](mailto:Press@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: AP query regarding PFAS contamination of food supply

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**From:** Drinkard, Andrea  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 19, 2019 4:16 PM  
**To:** Konkus, John <[konkus.john@epa.gov](mailto:konkus.john@epa.gov)>; Press <[Press@epa.gov](mailto:Press@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: AP query regarding PFAS contamination of food supply

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**From:** Konkus, John  
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**To:** Drinkard, Andrea <[Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov](mailto:Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov)>; Press <[Press@epa.gov](mailto:Press@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: AP query regarding PFAS contamination of food supply

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**From:** Drinkard, Andrea  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 19, 2019 4:12 PM  
**To:** Press <[Press@epa.gov](mailto:Press@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: AP query regarding PFAS contamination of food supply

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**From:** Drinkard, Andrea  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 19, 2019 3:12 PM  
**Cc:** Press <Press@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: AP query regarding PFAS contamination of food supply

I'll take this one. **Deliberative Process / Ex. 5**

On Mar 19, 2019, at 2:57 PM, Flesher, John <jflesher@ap.org> wrote:

Greetings:

I'm a member of an AP team that has been reporting on the issue of PFAS contamination in drinking water. During a recent House subcommittee hearing, EPA Assistant Administrator David Ross said the agency would be talking with USDA, the FDA and the Department of Defense about how the nation's food supply might be affected.

Ross referred to a case in New Mexico where a dairy has dumped milk and is planning to euthanize cows because of PFAS contamination. Today, we learned that sludge spread on a farm in Maine was a source of PFAS, and that high levels of the substances were found in milk produced there.

I'd like to speak with someone who could discuss the potential for PFAS contamination of food and any plans EPA has for studying it, either independently or in cooperation with USDA and other agencies.

Can you help?

Thanks very much,

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